

## **Summary of the California Clean Coast Act (SB 771)**

The Act takes effect on January 1, 2006 and applies to vessels over 300 GRT. It contains several aspects that impact maritime shipping activities.

### **1. Incinerators**

Shipboard incinerators may not be operated within 3 miles of the California coast.

### **2. Hazardous wastes, other waste, or oily bilgewater**

The discharge of hazardous wastes, other wastes, or oily bilgewater into waters of the State of California or a marine sanctuary from a large passenger vessel or oceangoing vessel is prohibited.

### **3. Graywater and Sewage**

a. The discharge of graywater and sewage into the waters of the State of California or a marine sanctuary from a vessel with sufficient holding tank capacity is prohibited. Note that this only applies to vessels with sufficient holding tank capacity for the time that the ship is in State of California waters, which extend to 3 miles from the coastline. If a vessel has no holding tank or insufficient holding tank capacity then it may discharge graywater and sewage without violating this act. Therefore, no report of the discharge is necessary.

b. The discharge of graywater and sewage into the waters of the State of California or a marine sanctuary from a vessel with sufficient holding tank capacity and the ability to transfer these wastes ashore is prohibited if there is a facility available to receive the wastes where the vessel is docked. Once again, the prohibition only applies to vessels with sufficient holding tank capacity and the ability to pump wastes ashore to a facility that is available where the vessel is docked. If a vessel has no holding tank or insufficient holding tank capacity and there is no facility available to receive the wastes then the vessel may discharge graywater and sewage without violating this act. Therefore, no report of a discharge is necessary.

### **4. Discharge Reporting to the California State Water Resources Board**

a. Each discharge in violation of the Act must be reported to the California State Water Resources Control Board within 24 hours of the discharge.

The following information is required:

- i. Date of the release.
- ii. Time of the release.
- iii. Location of the release.
- iv. Volume of the release.
- v. Source of the release.
- vi. Remedial action taken to prevent future releases.

- b. The method of reporting has not yet been established.
- c. Penalties are up to \$25,000 per violation

## **5. 2006 Information Report to State Lands Commission**

- a. Any vessel that visits California must maintain information on board and submit the information to the State Lands Commission (CSLC) on the prescribed form.
- b. This report is submitted to the CSLC only once during 2006.
- c. The following information is required:
  - i. Name of vessel.
  - ii. International Maritime Organization number or official number if the International Maritime Organization number has not been assigned.
  - iii. Vessel type.
  - iv. Owner or operator.
  - v. Gross tonnage.
  - vi. Keel laid date.
  - vii. Port (Flag) of registry.
  - viii. Typical or required number of crew.
  - ix. Graywater information, including the vessel's ability to store graywater while in California waters and size and capacity of any graywater holding tanks, as measured in metric tons.
  - x. Blackwater information, including the vessel's ability to store blackwater while in California waters and size and capacity of any blackwater holding tanks, as measured in metric tons.
  - xi. Marine sanitation devices information, including number, size, and nature of devices on the vessel treating sewage prior to discharge.
  - xii. Connections to ensure transfer of sewage and graywater to pumpout facilities.
  - xiii. California port of call information, including expected number of calls, in days, in ports within the state during 2006.
  - xiv. Certification of accurate information, including the printed name, title, and signature of the master, owner, operator, or person in charge, or responsible officer attesting to the accuracy of the information provided.

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